

Brief Biography of Prof. Bhim Prasad Subedi, Chairman, University Grants Commission, Nepal

Bhim Prasad Subedi, Ph.D. (University of Hawaii, USA), is a Professor of Geography. He was engaged in teaching and research at Tribhuvan University, Nepal for four decades since 1979. His broad areas of research concentration include social dynamics and human-environment interactions. He has written more than 65 articles and book chapters, including *The state of Geography Teaching and Research in Nepal* (2014), *Local Effects of Global Changes in the Himalayas* (2007), *Geography and Geographers' Work in Nepal* (2005), *Vegetation and Society: Interactions in the Himalayas* (2002). Apart from Tribhuvan University, he has also worked as short-term research scholar at University of Copenhagen, Denmark (2016); University of Bergen, Norway (2000, 2005, 2006); University of Zurich, Switzerland (2004); University of Oxford (Institute of Ageing) 2002 and University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (1998). He is the Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Nepal since 2018. The UGC is an apex agency of higher education, and the only agency that accredits Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Nepal. Prof. Subedi is also the Chairman of Higher Education Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council (HEQAAC) that recommends UGC for accreditation of HEIs. Under his Chairmanship, the QAA System of Nepal has obtained a remarkable momentum. International network with foreign QAA agencies has been expanded and strengthened. Under his Coordination, the HEQAAC has developed its Strategic Plan – Destination 2030. He has been decorated with highly honored medals in different years for outstanding achievement in study and in performance at Tribhuvan University.